the State of Bihar National Highway stretches totalling to 890 km have been identified for upgradation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III.

Patna-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and 77 and Patna-Bakhtiarpur section of NH-30 have been included in NHDP Phase-IIIA for implementation. The bid document for Patna-Muzaffarpur section is under finalisation. For Patna-Bakhtiarpur section consultant is being appointed for updating Detailed Project Report. The rest of the stretches are presently included in NHDP Phase-IIIB for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

NH-19 and NH-77 Under NHDP-III

†1126. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared for the construction of NH-19 and NH-77 upto Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur in Bihar in the third phase of the national Highways Development Project;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof alongwith the time-limit prescribed for the commencement and completion of the constructin work of the said roads; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the pace of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Muzaffarpur by pass of NH-77 is very slow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 4 laning of Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur section on NH-19 and NH-77 in Bihar has been prepared. Work of up-dation of DPR is in progress. The likely time limit for commencement and completion of this project is March, 2008 and December, 2010 respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

NH-6 as Model Highway

1127. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(a) whether NH-6, Surat-Dhulia is going to be developed as a Model Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Presumably the term "Model Highway" in the Question is referring to widening of the National Highway to 4-lane or higher facility. Within Surat-Dhulia section of NH-6, only Gujarat/Maharashtra border to Surat section of NH-6 has been identified for 4-laning under NHDP-IIIB. The bids for preparation of Project Report are under evaluation. Maharashtra/Gujarat border Dhula section of NH-6 is having 2-lane carriageway and is presently not included under any scheme for upgradation of 4-lane or higher facility.

Four laning of NH-9

1128. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has given its approval to develop and convert NH No.-9 into four-lane between Hyderabad and Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure for this project;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which the project is expected to be completed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. 4 lanning of Hyderabad-Vijayawada Section of NH-9 has been approved under NHDP Phase IIIA.

(b) and (c) Preparation of Detailed Project Report for this stretch of NH- 9 is under progress. On finalisation of the said report only, the estimated expenditure for this project will be known.

(d) to (f) NHDP Phase IIIA is planned for completion by the year 2010.